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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HEIGHT OF THE GREAT BELT BRIDGE

REF: A) COPENHAGEN A-49; B) COPENHAGEN 2769 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
CIRCULAR NOTE R III FILE NO. 55 D 33 OUTLINING THE SIZE
AND LOCATION OF THE GREAT BELT BRIDGE ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION
IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN 1978 OR 1979. THE COMPLETE NOTE
IS BEING TRANSMITTED AS ENCLOSURE TO REFAIRGRAM.

2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST FOR SHIPPING ARE THE STATEMENTS
RELATING TO THE PROPOSED HEIGHT OF THE BRIDGE. THE NOTE
STATES:

"ACCORDING TO ALL AVAILABLE DATA THE HIGH-LEVEL BRIDGE
ACROSS THE EASTERN CHANNEL WILL NOT IN ANY WAY RESTRICT
PASSAGE THROUGH THE GREAT BELT BY EXISTING SHIPS WHICH
HAVE NAVIGATED THESE WATERS IN THE PAST, AND IT WILL BE
POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH TWO SEA LANES, ONE FOR
NORTHBOUND AND ONE FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC. BOTH
LANES WILL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE EXISTING LINES
OF DEPTHS OF 20 METERS AND WILL EACH HAVE A HORIZONTAL
CLEARANCE OF NOT LESS THAN 360 METERS IN THE BRIDGE
LINE AND NOT LESS THAN 325 METERS IN A LINE PERPENDI-
CULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF SAILING. IN THE LATTER
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WIDTH THE FREE VERTICAL CLEARANCE FOR PASSAGE
UNDER THE BRIDGE WILL BE 62 METERS ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL.

DURING THE PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION PRECAUTIONS WILL
BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO ENSURE SAFE PASSAGE OF SHIPS.
WHEN CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED THE TRAFFIC
SEPARATION WHICH IMCO HAS APPROVED FOR THE AREA

WILL BE ADJUSTED."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE THE CIRCULAR NOTE IN QUESTION DOES NOT INVITE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED HEIGHT AND DOES NOT REQUIRE A REPLY, THE EBASSY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED HEIGHT OF SIXTY-TWO METERS ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY COMMENTS ON THE HEIGHT OR OTHER DETAILS SET FORTH IN THE NOTE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.
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